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August 5, 1929.

American Numismatic Society,
156th Street and Broadway,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I was advised recently by General W. C. Brown that he saw the following medallions of noted Indians of the Northwest in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, these medallions having been made by Olin L. Warner in 1891, and a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Wait, July 12, 1906:

1. Joseph, Chief of the Nez Perces (Hm-mah-too'-yah-lat-kekut) - 17½" in diameter.
2. Lot Chief of the Spokanes - 8" in diameter.
3. N-Che-Askwe, Chief of the Coeur D'Alenes- 8" in diameter.
4. Sabina - a Cayuse girl - Kash Kath's daughter - 6" in diameter.
5. Young Chief Cayuse - 8" in diameter.
6. Ya-tin-ee-ah-witz (Poor Crane) - 10-3/4" in diameter.

I wrote to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, asking if these medallions were struck in the Government mint and if copies of them could be purchased. The reply from the American Museum of Natural History referred me to the Bureau of American Ethnology, who in turn referred me to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, and now he has referred me to your Society. Can you answer my inquiry.

Yours very truly,

Ralph Budd

August 10th, 1929.

Ralph Budd, Esq.,
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Dear Sir:

Responding to yours of August 5th; our set of Warner's medallions, were bought from his widow, who was still living up to three or four years ago. I believe I can obtain her address from the Medallic Art Co., and I am asking them to send it to you. If you are interested in medals relating to Indians, may I ask whether you have seen Sawyer's series. They were made by the artist from life. We have a set at our museum, and when you are again in New York, I would be very glad for you to see them, if you have time to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.